

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A system for distributing content to a client computer, comprising:
 - a server comprising a content object;
 - a first content cache at a first address, wherein the first content cache comprises a first copy of the content object;
 - a second content cache at a second address, wherein the second content cache comprises a second copy of the content object;
 - a preference list originating from the client computer, wherein the preference list comprises at least one of the first address and the second address; and
 - a directory located remote to the client computer, wherein the directory-maps at least one of the content object, the first copy, and the second copy to the client computer, wherein the directory is affected by the preference list.
2. (Original) The system for distributing content to the client computer as recited in claim 1, further comprising a routing mechanism that maps one of the content object, the first copy and the second copy to the client computer.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously Presented) The system for distributing content to the client computer as recited in claim 1, wherein the server periodically delivers a catalog of content objects to the directory.
5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The system for distributing content to the client computer as recited in claim 1, wherein:

the content object comprises a first portion and a second portion;
the first portion is stored on the first content cache and not on the second content cache; and

the second portion is stored on the second content cache and not on the first content cache.

7. (Currently Amended) A system for distributing content to a client computer, comprising:

a content object;

a first content cache at a first address, wherein the first content cache comprises a first copy of the content object;

a second content cache at a second address, wherein the second content cache comprises a second copy of the content object; and

a preference list originating from the client computer, wherein the preference list comprises at least one of the first address and the second address; and

a user-viewable directory that maps one of the first copy and the second copy to the client computer, wherein the directory is affected by the preference list.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) The system for distributing content to the client computer as recited in claim 7, further comprising a routing mechanism that maps one of the content object, a first copy and a second copy to the client computer.

11. (Original) The system for distributing content to the client computer as recited in claim 7, further comprising a server that comprises the content object.

12. (Original) The system for distributing content to the client computer as recited in claim 11, wherein the server periodically delivers catalog information to the directory.

13. (Original) The system for distributing content to the client computer as recited in claim 11, wherein:

the content object comprises a first portion and a second portion;

the first portion is stored on the first content cache and not on the second content cache; and

the second portion is stored on the second content cache and not on the first content cache.

14. (Currently Amended) A system for distributing content to a client computer, comprising:

a content object comprising a portion;

a first content cache at a first address, wherein the first content cache comprises a first copy of the portion;

a second content cache at a second address, wherein the second content cache comprises a second copy of the portion; and

a preference list originating from the client computer, wherein the preference list comprises at least one of the first address and the second address; and

a routing mechanism that maps one of the portion, the first copy and the second copy to the client computer, wherein the routing mechanism is affected by the preference list.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The system for distributing content to the client computer as recited in claim 14, further comprising a server that comprises the content object.

18. (Currently Amended) The system for distributing content to the client computer as recited in claim 17, wherein the server periodically delivers a catalog of content objects on the server to the ~~directory~~ routing mechanism.

19. (Currently Amended) The system for distributing content to the client computer as recited in claim ~~16~~ 14, wherein:

the content object comprises a first fragment and a second fragment;

the first fragment is stored on the first content cache and not on the second content cache; and

the second fragment is stored on the second content cache and not on the first content cache.

20. (Original) The system for distributing content to the client computer as recited in claim 14, wherein the routing mechanism includes a directory.